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Comprehensive Transportation Overhaul Passes Out of Committee



HARTFORD- The state legislature's Transportation Committee passed a sweeping measure yesterday aimed at tackling a number of Connecticut's transportation woes. The bill, proposed by Governor M. Jodi Rell, makes major investments in the state's transportation infrastructure. Representative David Scribner (R-

Brookfield), who serves as Ranking Member on the Transportation Committee, was instrumental in seeing the legislation through the committee process.

The bill invests \$300 million in the New Haven Line maintenance facility which will be constructed over the next six years, \$667 million for 342 new self-propelled rail cars on the New haven Line for delivery between 2009-2015, \$187 million for improvements to Interstate 95 from Greenwich to North Stonington, \$7.5 million for additional transit buses, and \$150 million for highway improvements on highways other than I-95.

In a prepared statement issued yesterday, Governor Rell praised the work of the committee, as well as Representative Scribner and other committee leaders for getting the measure through intact.

"The investments proposed in this bill will make some very meaningful changes to Connecticut's transportation infrastructure," said **Representative Scribner**. "The condition of Connecticut's railways and highways are stressed, poorly maintained, and over-burdened. This measure will begin the important process of turning that around."

The bill will now head to the State Senate for action there.